

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney's Docket No.: 16279-14

FILING TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Continuation-in-Part Patent Application of: Carter, et al.

For: **"DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TRENCHLESS REPLACEMENT OF
UNDERGROUND PIPE"**

ENCLOSURES

- ☒ 30 page application including specification, claims and abstract;
 - ☒ 18 sheets (Figs. 1-33) of informal drawings;
 - ☒ A Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition (unsigned);
 - ☒ A postcard for return to us as proof of receipt of the referenced documents.
- and
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention with an assignment cover sheet;
 - ☒ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b));
 - ☐ IDS (form PTO-1449) and copies of references;
 - ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney;
 - ☐ A certified copy of the priority document (Under 35 USC 119);
 - ☐ A Power of Attorney by Assignee;
 - ☒ Other. **Petition to Make Special**

TYPE OF FILING

- ☒ This continuation-in-part application claims the benefit of an earlier filed International Patent Application #PCT/US98/00266 (35 USC 120).
- ☒ This application claims the benefit of the priority date of an earlier filed patent application (35 USC 119).
- ☐ This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of specification, claims and drawings, if required, with applicant being given a period of one month from the date of notice to file the fee and oath or declaration.
- ☒ In the event any parts of this application are missing, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 as defined just above.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.10(a))

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Date: July 9, 1999

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FEE CALCULATION

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | SMALL ENTITY | | OR | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
|--|--------------|------------|-----|------------------------------|-------|
| BASIC FEE Design Patent | \$155 | | \$ | \$310 | \$ |
| BASIC FEE Utility Patent | \$380 | | \$ | \$760 | \$380 |
| EXTRA FEES | RATE | | FEE | RATE | FEE |
| Total claims | 48 | minus 20 = | 28 | x9 = | \$252 |
| Independent Claims | 5 | minus 3 = | 2 | x39 = | \$78 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | +130 = | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment | | | | +40 = | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 53 Surcharge | | | | +65 = | \$ |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ | \$710 |

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- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge (or credit any overpayment) to deposit account No. 02-3964:
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16, except Rule 53 filings, which will be paid within the time permitted by PTOL 1533.
 - ☐ Assignment Recordal fees.
- ☒ The filing fee and surcharge under 37 CFR 1.16, patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 and patent issue fees under 37 CFR 1.18 are intended to be paid by our firm as they arise. As no abandonment is intended by any inadvertent nonpayment of fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of such fees as from time to time come due, if not paid prior to due date to our Deposit Account No. 02-3964.
- ☐ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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